WHEREAS, The President of the National Fraternal Congress of America, an affiliation of 99 fraternal benefit societies and more than ten million members, has designated June 8, through June 14, 1976. as Fraternal Week; and,

WHEREAS, Fraternal benefit societies, their lodges and members in communities throughout America perform religious, charitable, patriotic and benevolent activities which serve our State and Nation; and,

WHEREAS, The fraternal benefit societies long have proclaimed their patriotism and celebrated Fraternal Week through special observances of Flag Day, June 14, and are a part of the National Fraternal Flag Day Foundation, an organization devoted to keeping alive the memory of Dr. Bernard J. Cigrand, the "father" of Flag Day, through the maintenance of the schoolhouse in Fredonia, Wisconsin, where in 1885 he held the first known Flag Day ceremony; and,

WHEREAS, The National Fraternal Congress of America calls upon members of all its societies in their lodges, and citizens throughout the United States, to participate in the patriotic observance of Flag Day during Fraternal Week of our Nation's Bicentennial:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 8 through June 14, 1976, as

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in South Dakota, and call upon all citizens to join with fraternalists on Flag Day to honor the Flag of the United States.

> IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 28th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Six

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE